(b) 126 specified life saving drugs covered in List 4 of notification No. 21/2002-Customs dated 1-3-2002 are fully exempted from all customs duties. In this year's budget, 13 new drugs have been added to the 88 drugs covered in List 3 of the said notification which attract a nominal rate of 5% basic customs duty. All these drugs have also been completely exempted from countervailing duty by way of exemption from excise duty.

A number of security related imports are exempted vide notification No. 39/96-Customs dated 23-7-1996 which is amended from time to time to include additional items as per requirement of various security related agencies.

Non-utilisation of World Bank Loan by Maharashtra

4086. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government has not utilised World Bank Loans given for the purpose of health, education, roads etc.;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not utilising the World Bank's Loan by State Government of Maharashtra; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that because of this World Bank is not giving further loan to the Government of Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise. Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project, is currently under preparation for World Bank funding.

Task Force on Creditors Right

4087. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government was considering last year for setting up a task force on Creditors Right;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how would the task force help the creditors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) to (c) No